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Dear Members of the Missouri Council for the Social Studies:

As you are meeting for your annual conference focusing on the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase and its role in "Changing the Face of America," I would appreciate your attention to an important group that also has shaped the face of our great nation. My office has been working with the Missouri Veterans Commission through the introductory phases of establishing a program where Missouri veterans are able to bring their experiences into the classrooms of our state.

It is our goal to give our veterans an outlet to share their wealth of knowledge and experiences with Missouri's youth. These veterans will be able to share valuable information that can be useful in the different fields of social studies. Additionally, since the purpose of social studies education is to promote active citizenship, our veterans can serve as an outstanding example of service to one's community, state, and nation.

We are currently in the introductory phases of this project and would appreciate your assistance in the creation of programs that would be beneficial for students, teachers, and veterans. If you have any suggestions or program ideas that you believe would be useful in your classroom, please contact my office at (573) 751-0382.

I wish you a successful and productive conference and thank you for both your attention to this issue and your continued work with Missouri students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent than the last name "Maxwell".

JOE MAXWELL

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